

## **Tucson City Court Administrative Directive**

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## I. POLICY

The City Prosecutor offers a Monitored Diversion Program (MDP) for first time offenders of domestic violence or other offenses where ongoing counseling would be appropriate. These MDPs can require 26 sessions of counseling that take from nine to twelve months to complete. To reduce calendar settings MDP cases will have a suspense date set out twelve (12) months. The City Prosecutor will monitor MDP cases for compliance and will take appropriate action upon completion or if there is failure to comply with program requirements. The Court will track MDP cases to ensure that the case does not remain open and pending longer than 12 months. Magistrates, at their discretion, may set review hearings at any time; however, the Prosecutor's Office will not be able to disclose any information other than the Defendant is in current good standing.

## II. PROCEDURE

- A. Judicial Services Division will set a suspense date out twelve (12) months for all City Prosecutor MDP cases unless otherwise ordered by a magistrate.
- B. Magistrates, at their discretion, may set review hearings at any time.
- C. The City Prosecutor will monitor MDP cases for compliance and will take appropriate action upon completion or if the defendant fails to comply with program requirements.
- **D.** The Judicial Services Division will enter extensions and update the automated case management system as required by judicial orders.
- E. The Judicial Services Division will track the City Prosecutor MDP cases to ensure that the case does not remain open and pending longer than 12 months. The Judicial Services Division will provide a list of pending MDP cases to the City Prosecutor and City Court Magistrates three weeks prior to the 12 month suspense date. The City Prosecutor will take appropriate action on open MDP cases.



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**REVIEW RESPONSIBILITY:** The Court Administrator or designee will review this Court Administrative Directive for revision or deletion every two years or as needed.

PRESIDING MAGISTRATE

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